

Together! 2015 Disability Film Festival

The Old Town Hall, 29 The Broadway, Stratford, London E15 4BQ.

PROGRAMME 11-13 DECEMBER 2015



Margo Cargill and Alex Bulmer in Michael Achtman's existential comedy *Awake*.

The **Together! Disability Film Festival** is a unique free festival that brings together films from across the world that have been made by disabled filmmakers or that have central disabled characters. This is the fourth annual festival, taking place as part of the **Together! 2015 Disability History Month Festival**. The national theme this Month is 'The portrayal of disability: then and now' – we are very much of the now! **Join us in our relaxed pop-up cinema in the Victorian splendour of the Old Town Hall Stratford for a feast of films, many of which are newly released or festival premieres; meet some of the film-makers and find out more about their work; enjoy some refreshments on us; and then talk film afterwards at our café-bar partner Gerry's, where a 20% discount on fresh food is available with the code FESTIVAL2015.**

With grateful thanks to our funders:



ACCESS

Nearest tube, overground and DLR stations: Stratford (fully accessible). Bus routes include 25, 69, 86, D8, 104, 108, 158, 238, 241, 257, 262, 276, 308, 425, 473, N8, N86, 010, A9, 741 & UL1.

Parking: Blue Badge holders can pre-book parking; others are advised to use the (old) Stratford shopping centre carpark.

- There is no need to pre-book unless you are a group of 5 or more
- All screenings are 'relaxed'.
- The venue is wheelchair-accessible.
- There is an induction loop for hearing aid users.
- Many films are captioned; some are in BSL too.
- Please contact us if you require audio-description.

Email bookings@together2012.org.uk or contact 07973 252751.

SPECIAL EVENT

10 & 11 DECEMBER 2015 11am-3pm: Film-making workshop 'Telling a story without words'. St Luke's Community Centre, 89 Tarling Road, Canning Town, London E16 1HN. Nearest tube and DLR: Canning Town (fully accessible). Bus routes: 541, 241, 325, 678, 5, 115, 276, 300, 330. Street parking; on-site café; light refreshments will be provided.

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2015

6pm: Not Everyone Can Do Everything (US/New Zealand; 115m; 2014). This unique feature-length documentary by Peter Wareing follows three disabled residents of a New York care home over a period of 14 years. **Followed by Let's Talk about Disability Film at our café-bar partner Gerry's, opposite the Theatre Royal Stratford East.**

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2015

12noon: Ida's Diary (directed by August B. Hanssen; Norway; 63m; 2014). A film about hope, about finding your own identity and daring to live. Filmed by Ida herself, who is diagnosed with borderline personality disorder, this follows her life over 8 years. Norwegian with English captions. **Followed by a discussion about Film and Mental Health, led by Michelle Baharier and Julie Newman with BSL interpretation by Jason Smith, over a light lunch.**

2pm: FILMS FROM THE EAST. Short films by locally based filmmakers including **Bobby Baker** and **Living Films**.

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3pm: SHORT DOCS 1. Short documentaries in English, Serbian and BSL (all non-English and many English films are captioned), **including Donna Lipowitz's highly entertaining and newly released Cat Show**, featuring Carly and her cat Tango.



5pm: SHORT DRAMAS 1: Short films in English and BSL, **including Michael Achtmann's newly released existential comedy Awake**, starring Alex Bulmer and Margo Cargill.

6.15pm: Margarita with a Straw (2014). Shonali Bose's ground-breaking drama (released in India as Choone Chali Aasman) **stars Kalki Koechlin as a student with cerebral palsy on a voyage of personal discovery.** *Adult content: unsuitable for children.*

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SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 2015

12pm: ARTISTS' FILMS & VIDEOS. A collection of short films in English and BSL including new work by Katherine Araniello, Kristina Veasey and Antonia Attwood.

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2pm: DANCE. Short dances and documentaries featuring disabled dance artists, including **Marc Brew.**

3pm: SHORT DOCS

2. More short documentaries in French, English, Italian and BSL (all non-English and many English films are captioned), including Cesare Cicardini's **Elsewhere.**



5pm: SHORT DRAMAS 2. In English, French and BSL finishing with Maria Oshodi's newly released comedy-horror **Z-Eye-Z.**

6.30pm: Chocolate (Prachya Pinkaew; 89m; 2008). This feature-length drama from Thailand stars Yanin 'Jeeja' Vismistananda in her debut film performance as Zen, a young girl with autism who becomes a martial arts expert in her efforts to protect her family. ***Unsuitable for children and anyone who is sensitive to depictions of violence.***

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